

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-8 stand rejected. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance of claims 2, 5, 9, and 10. By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended. The amendment made to claim 1 does not alter the scope of this claim, nor has this amendment been made to define over the prior art. Rather, the amendment to the claim has been made to correct an obvious typographical error and to improve the form thereof. In light of the amendment and remarks set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is in immediate condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Linden in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,884,169 ("Uchiyama"). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

The Office Action admits that Linden does not specifically teach that each gateway unit inquires at each other gateway unit whether identification information of said mobile communication terminal is registered in a service management information storing section. The Office Action asserts that this feature is disclosed at column 4, lines 21-28 and lines 45-57. Applicant asserts that no such feature is disclosed at that cited portion of Uchiyama. Applicant will respond assuming that the Office Action referred to column 9, lines 21-28 and lines 45-57. Column 9 also fails to disclose the above-discussed limitation.

The Office Action asserts that Uchiyama, gateway mobile switching centers ("GMSCs") perform Applicant's explicitly recited limitation of a gateway including a inquiry section for inquiring of each of the other gateway units whether identification information of said mobile communication terminal is registered in a service management information storage section. However, in Uchiyama, GMSC 261 requests information for routing received calls with respect to a home location register. The home location register learns the ID number of the visited location of the subscriber. Further GMSC 262 requests information for the purposes of routing a received call. However, Uchiyama fails to cure the deficiency in Linden noted by the Office Action. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable over the cited reference.

Claim 6 includes the same limitation as claim 1 discussed above, as such, claim 6 is also allowable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claims 3 and 4 depend either directly or indirectly from, and contain all the limitations of claim 1. These dependent claims also recite additional limitations which, in combination with the limitations of claim 1, are neither disclosed nor suggested by Uchiyama and are also believed to be directed towards the patentable subject matter. Thus, claims 3 and 4 should also be allowed.

Claim 5 depends from, and contain all the limitations of claim 2. This dependent claim also recites additional limitations which, in combination with the limitations of claim 2, are neither disclosed nor suggested by Uchiyama and are also believed to be directed towards the patentable subject matter. Thus, claim 5 should also be allowed.

Claims 7 and 8 depend either directly or indirectly from, and contain all the limitations of claim 6. These dependent claims also recite additional limitations which, in combination with the limitations of claim 6, are neither disclosed nor suggested by Uchiyama and are also believed to be directed towards the patentable subject matter. Thus, claims 7 and 8 should also be allowed.

Applicant has responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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